An Introduction to IATiP

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What are European Technology Platforms?

- **Industry-led research, technology and innovation framework for stakeholder cooperation**

- **Addresses challenges essential for Europe's future competitiveness**

- **Influence research funding on areas of industrial relevance**

- **Covering the whole economic value chain**

- **Mobilisation at European, national and regional levels**

What is EATiP ?

- **AIM: Identifying knowledge-based activities to improve the competitiveness of European aquaculture**

- **Being a trusted Science , Technology and Innovation link between the European Commission and the aquaculture sector**

- **An industry driven, multi-stakeholder forum building knowledge capacity and promoting innovation and evidence-based decision making**

STRATEGY

MOBILISATION

COMMUNICATION

Including a recent position paper related to "Horizon Europe" research priorities, combining information from all Mirror Platforms (MiPs).
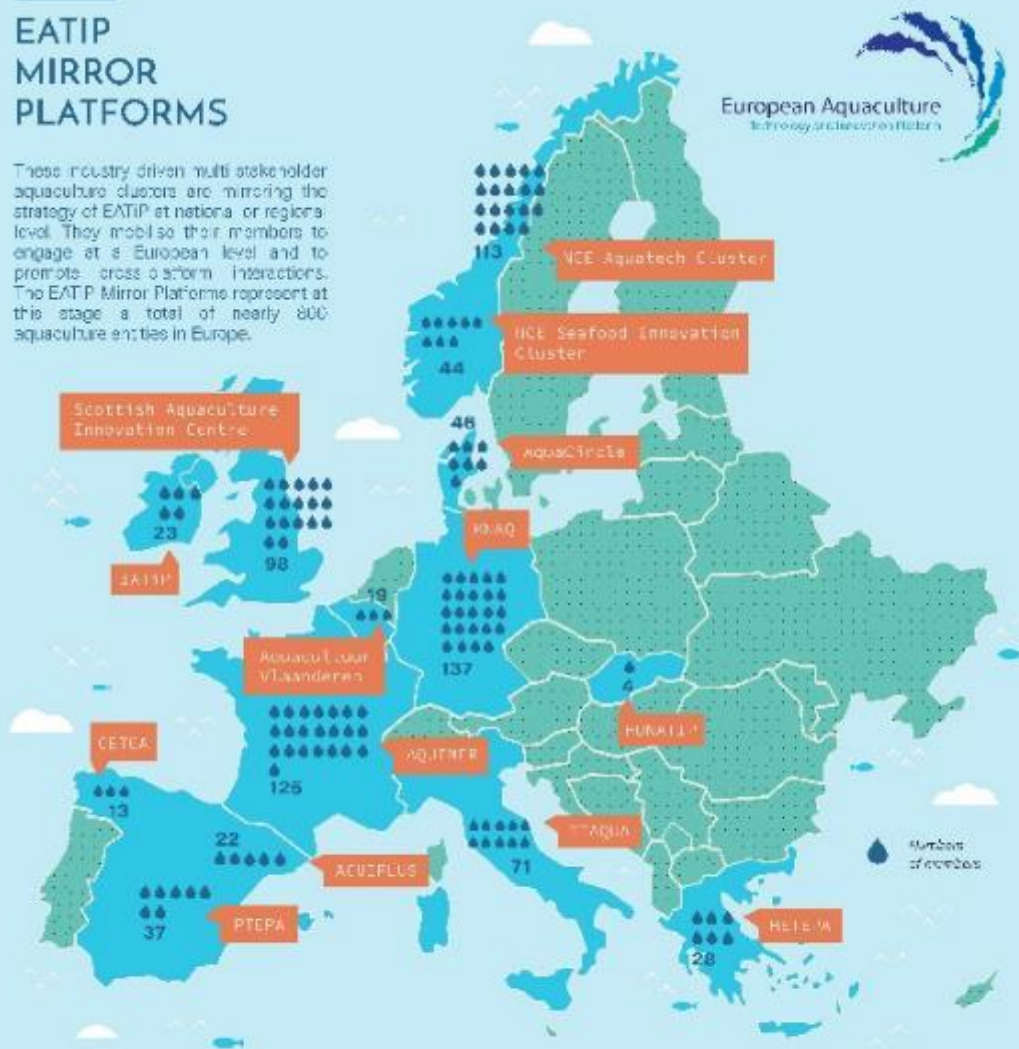
What is a Mirror Platform?

EATiP Mirror Platforms (MiPs) are industry-driven multi-stakeholder aquaculture clusters, supporting the implementation of strategic research and innovation activities at a **regional/national level**. They are important facilitators to gather knowledge on consensus opinions and priorities of the stakeholder communities in their regions/countries.

Operation maturity	From recently established to >20 years
Size	Small (10) to large (130)
Legal form	Non-profit, public institution, corporation
Financial Sources	Public funding, membership fees, chargeable services, private funding, EMFF
ECEI Cluster management excellence label	Some have acquired a label (bronze)

Why form IATiP?

National Marine Research & Innovation Strategy 2017–2021

BORD IASCAIGH MHARA
STATEMENT OF STRATEGY
2018-2020
ENABLING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH
BIM

Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland
FUTURE JOBS
IRELAND 2019
Preparing Now for Tomorrow's Economy

HARNESSING
OUR OCEAN WEALTH
An Integrated
Marine Plan for Ireland
Roadmap
New Ways
New Approaches
New Thinking
July 2012

An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

Mid-Term Assessment
National Strategic Plan for
Sustainable Aquaculture Development

Department of
Agriculture,
Food and the Marine
An Roinn
Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara

LOCAL ROOTS GLOBAL REACH
Food Wise 2025
A 10-year vision for the Irish agri-food industry

Multi-Stakeholder Mobilisation – Mirror EATiP

Irish **Aquaculture**
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION PLATFORM
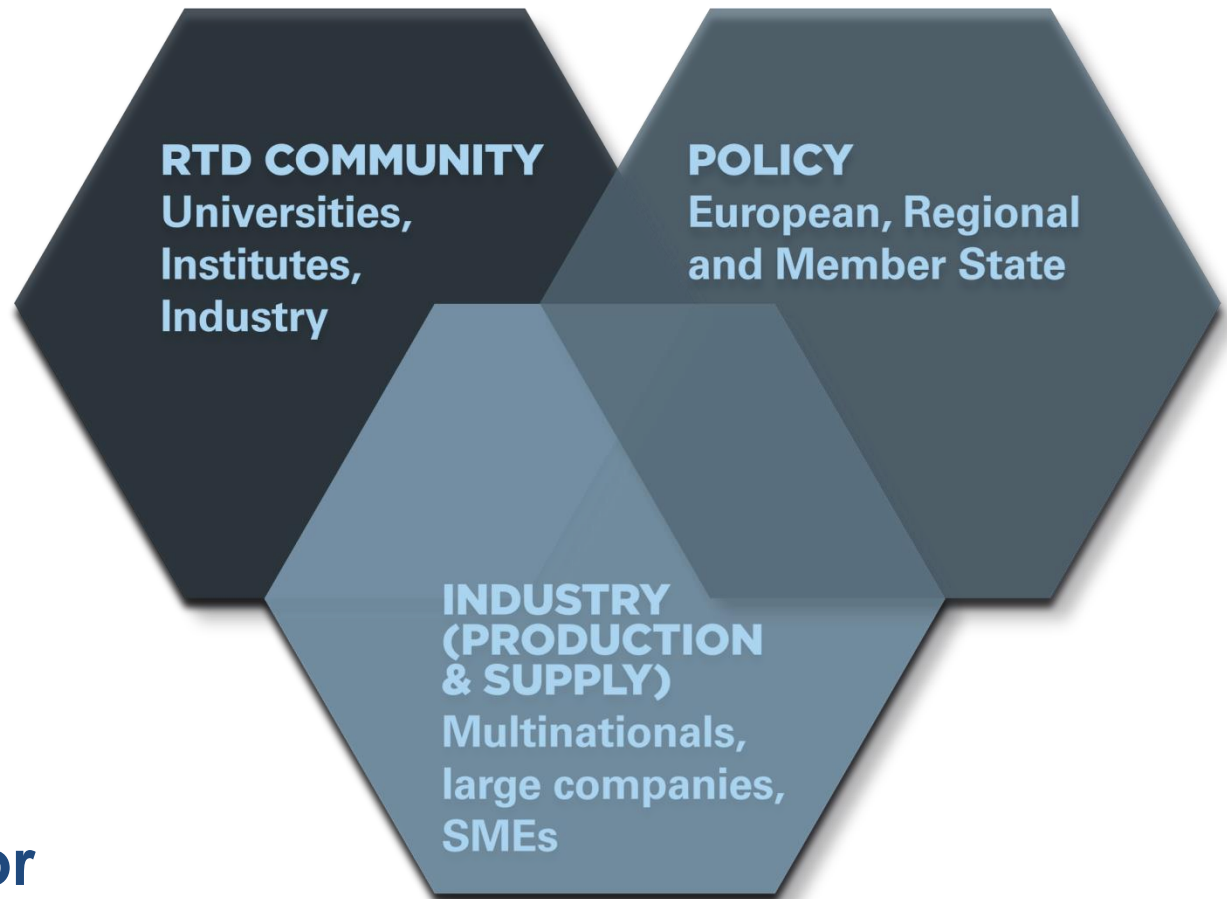
Forum to bring Stakeholders together to collaborate and develop the sector

RTD COMMUNITY
Universities, Institutes, Industry

POLICY
European, Regional and Member State

INDUSTRY (PRODUCTION & SUPPLY)
Multinationals, large companies, SMEs

What will the IATiP look like?

Proposed Mandate

To develop, support and promote aquaculture and, especially and specifically, technology and innovation in aquaculture in Ireland so as to:

- **Establish a strong relationship between aquaculture and the consumer**
- **Assure a sustainable Irish aquaculture industry**
- **Help consolidate the role of aquaculture in Ireland**

Core Principles

- **Open**
- **Transparent**
- **Participative**
- **Representative**
- **Facilitating**
- **Innovative**

Proposed Functions

- Provide a framework for stakeholders, led by <u>industry</u>, to **define research and development priorities**

- Play a key role in ensuring an **adequate focus of research funding** on areas with a high degree of industrial relevance

- **Identify and address technological challenges** that can potentially contribute to a number of key policy objectives which are essential for Europe/Ireland's future competitiveness

- Facilitate **multi-stakeholder cooperation** that helps to overcome existing challenges/barriers for the sector

- **Connect with EATIP** – **Attending next MiP meeting in Berlin at Aquaculture Europe**

Multi-Stakeholder Membership

- **Industry Actors**
  - **Representative Organisations**
  - **Primary Producers**
  - **Supply Chain actors**
- **Irish Universities and research institutions actively working in the aquaculture area**
- **Irish Agencies/Public Bodies with an interest in aquaculture**
- **Other?**

Legal Structure

- **Currently a non-formal entity with no legal structure**

- **A Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) seems to be the most appropriate structure for IATP**
  - ➢ **Desire to see a bottom-up approach to design**
  - ➢ **BIM willing to set up a legal entity**
  - ➢ **Once set up, the intention is to hand over to an elected board of directors who oversee activities and report to a general assembly (membership)**

Representation and Governance

- **Lucy Watson is currently representing the IATiP as a Mirror platform at EATiP level.**

- **Governance structure needs to be established using a bottom-up approach**

- **A Steering Group invited by IFA/BIM has been set up to examine corporate "structure and governance" and make recommendations to general assembly (members).**

- **1st Steering Group meeting taking place tomorrow!**

Steering Group		
Name	**Organisation**	**Type**
1 Teresa Morrissey	IFA Aquaculture	Industry Association
2 Finnian O'Sullivan	Bantry Harbour Mussels Ltd	Industry - shellfish
3 Kian Louet-Feisser	Carlingford Oyster Company	Industry - shellfish
4 Damien O'Keeffe	Bradan Beo	Industry - salmon
5 Catherine McManus	MOWI	Industry - salmon
6 Paul Kearney	Keywater Fisheries Ltd	Industry - freshwater
7 Hamish Rodger	VAI Consulting	Industry - fish health
8 Lucy Watson	BIM	Public Body
9 Máire ni Éinniú	Udaras	Public Body
10 Neil Ruane	Marine Institute	Public Body
11 Sarah Culloty	UCC	Research
12 Anita Talbot	GMIT	Research

Knowledge Sharing

- **Visibility**
  - **A network website is live**

- **Communication**
  - **IATiP is proposing using an online system called "Basecamp" to communicate and share information**
  - **Meetings (Planned for Q4 2019, tbc)**
  - **Mailchimp**
  - **Twitter**

Membership

- **Currently informal, no fee or sign up**
  - ➢ **Please email us if you or your colleagues are not already signed up**

- **Propose that there is no membership fee in 2019 but there is an aspiration to secure buy-in and support network activities via a membership fee scheme in the future**

Open to everyone!

Thank you!

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